Receipts from license fees of country boats.

238. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total annual receipts, for the last three years, from license fees of country boats plying in the rivers and backwaters of the State;

(b) the total annual expenditure for the last three years, on account of the pay and allowances of the officers and staff engaged in licensing the above boats?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon —

(a)	1106.	Rs. 14,442— 0— 0
	1107.	Rs. 15,675— 0— 0
	1108.	Rs. 14,096—12— 0
(b)	1106.	Rs. 10,639—12—10
	1107.	Rs. 11,091— 9— 0
	1108.	Rs. 9,938—12— 0

Collection of mooring fees from country boats at Ernakulam.

239. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the respective amounts for 1107 and 1108 for which the right of collecting mooring fees from country boats that touch at Ernakulam was sold out;

(b) are there any rates fixed for these fees; if so, who has fixed them; and what are these rates at present;

(c) are these rates, if any, fixed solely with reference to the size of the boats; or are any other factors taken into consideration in fixing these rates;

(d) is the mooring fee to be paid as soon as a boat is moored; or is it enough if the fee is paid any time before the boat leaves the moorings?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 1107 Rs. 5,860
1108 6,711

This includes the fees for all boats landing and mooring at the landing places on the foreshore.

(b) Yes; the rates were fixed by the Council, the schedule of rates is herewith appended. (*Appendix VI.*)

(c) The rates are fixed with reference to the description of the boats mentioned in the schedule.

(d) No, mooring fees have to be paid only for boats that moor for periods exceeding 24 hours and not for shorter periods.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(b) I think it is the Municipal Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

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Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In the appendix schedule of rates are given. Are the Government aware that much higher rates than those given in the schedule are actually collected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Item No. 5 in the schedule. Does it also include those country boats ordinarily called Valavaravanchi wherein passengers ordinarily travel?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it will apply to that as well.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—What is the difference between cabin boats and otherboats?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am not sure of it, but if I may venture they apply to the rowing boats.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Between six and seven there is a difference shown in favour of motor boats. Are not these motor boats more comfortable and bigger in size than the ordinary cabin boats?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Surely the motor boats are smaller in size than those boats which I mentioned as the cabin boats.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(d) Are the Government aware that collection is made most ordinarily, almost invariably, even for shorter periods?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have not the boats to give landing fees when they touch the shore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—That is even if they are not moored for any time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Landing fees has to be paid for landing goods on the shore. The mooring fees is for staying for 24 hours.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Have the Government provided boards showing these rates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they have.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are they sure that they are kept there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—What is the rate of landing fees?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Whether the Government are aware that even passenger boats with a basket full of vegetables are treated as [illegible] and a higher fee is realised?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

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APPENDIX VI.

Schedule of Rates.

എറണാകുളം പുഴവാരത്തുള്ള വഞ്ചിത്താവളങ്ങളിൽ വന്നടുക്കുന്നതും ടി താവളങ്ങളിൽ വന്നടുത്തു കിടക്കുന്നതുമായ വഞ്ചികൾക്കും മറവും പീസ്സു പിരിപ്പാനുള്ള നിരക്കു.

(ദിവസം ഒന്നുക്കു)

		ക.	ണ.	പ.
൧	ചങ്ങാടം ഒന്നുക്കു്	0	൧	0
൨	ഭാരം കയറിയ വഞ്ചി ഒന്നുക്കു	0	൧	0
൩	ചരൽവഞ്ചി ചെറിയത ഒന്നുക്കു്	0	0	൬
൪	ടി വലിയത ഒന്നുക്കു്	0	൧	0
൫	വഴിയാത്രക്കാരെ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്ന വഞ്ചി ഒന്നുക്കു്	0	0	൬
൬	കാബിൻബോട്ടു ഒന്നുക്കു്	0	൨	0
൭	സ്വന്താവശ്യത്തിനു വരുന്ന മോട്ടോർബോട്ടു് ഒന്നുക്കു്	0	൧	0
൮	കൂലിക്കാരെ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്ന മോട്ടോർ ബോട്ടു് ഒന്നുക്കു്	0	൨	0
൯	തോണി ഒന്നുക്കു്	0	൨	0
൧൦	ഭാരം കയറിയ തോണി ഒന്നുക്കു്	0	൪	0
൧൧	൧-ാം തരം കെട്ടുവള്ളം ടി	0	൧	0
൧൨	ടി ഭാരം കയറിയത ടി	0	൨	0

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